

Memorial Garden Rules

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The Memorial Garden, started in 1937, is Arden's private cemetery, located on the south side of Harvey Road next to the old Grubb family burial ground. The Community Planning Committee administers the Memorial Garden through an appointed volunteer Memorial Garden Representative.

ELIGIBILITY

Residents of the Village of Arden are eligible for burial in the Memorial Garden.

Former residents of Arden may be considered for burial on a case-by-case basis.

Ashes of a non-resident spouse, next-of-kin, or domestic partner may be buried in the same grave site as that of an eligible individual. Requests will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Residency is determined by the current Registration Committee criteria.

APPLICATION FOR SITE

Survivors may apply through the Memorial Garden Representative for a site in accordance with the long-term plans for the Garden and the survivor's agreement to abide by the rules governing the Garden.

Burial of ashes is encouraged, given the space limitations of the Memorial Garden, but whole body burials can be accepted. Plots for ashes are a maximum of two feet by two feet, while whole body plots conform to the size of the coffin.

All final decisions on burial applications will be made by the Memorial Garden Representative with the concurrence of the Community Planning Committee.

Copies of these rules will be furnished to the survivor(s) at the time of selection. A copy will also be furnished to the funeral director involved.

BURIAL

Before excavation, the funeral director or survivor(s) must make detailed arrangement with the Memorial Garden Representative.

Any damage done to other grave sites or to the Garden in general must be repaired immediately and approved by the Memorial Garden Representative.

If a coffin is used, a concrete vault must be provided to meet current New Castle County code.

A firmly embedded, flush-mounted marker must be provided for each grave. A

temporary marker shall be provided by the funeral director or the Memorial Garden Representative.

A death certificate, or certification of cremation, must be given to the Memorial Garden Representative. Pre-planning of burials may be arranged with the Memorial Garden Representative. Specific sites may not be reserved, but consideration will be given to area preferences.

DECORATIONS

No artificial flowers or unauthorized permanent plantings are allowed. Memorial plants may be considered with authorization by the Memorial Garden Representative.

Grave decorations must be removed promptly by the donor when no longer attractive. Routine mowing of the Memorial Garden is handled by the Arden Civic Committee. Maintenance of individual graves is done by survivors and volunteers.

FEES AND DONATIONS

There is no set fee for burial sites, however, we do expect a donation at the time of burial for maintenance of the Garden. All donations are tax deductible. Please make checks payable to the Arden Memorial Garden Fund, and send them to the Memorial Garden Representative.

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